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At the beginning of the week prices were lower in most areas with the exception of New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand in all channels was light to good with best interest focused on features. Supplies were short to closely balanced on jumbos and extra large while the balance was sufficient to available. Breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light with adequate offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to part time. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Removal costs for light type hens were unchanged to lower with majority prices higher as more spent hens were received by rendering operations. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to ample. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices ranged 5-8.5 cents, mostly 7-8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Food service demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with jumbo and extra large reported as short of needs in some locations. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate although held with confidence. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to shortened. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43
LARGE	35-45	36-39
MEDIUM	25-35	27-30
MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Supplies ranged fully adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Spent hens were sufficient to ample for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-61	47-50
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	29-42	34-36
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

May 6, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.50	54.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	41.00
MIDWEST	48.00	45.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	58.50	54.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	54.32	51.73	40.09

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	05-10-05	05-03-05	05-11-04
Large	18-27	26-35	38-45
Medium	8-14	15-21	33-37

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- May 09, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	14.1	6.3	12.4	13.6	57.5
	Change	-0.2	-1.5	-1.6	0.7	2.8	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	40.5	16.3	25.4	28.6	134.9
	Change	-6.5	1.5	-2.0	-1.2	-5.3	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	45.1	150.2	72.0	114.0	90.9	472.2
	Change	-0.9	28.4	-1.3	6.5	0.4	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	56.6	16.9	25.4	29.6	140.0
	Change	-0.9	-2.3	0.5	-2.1	-0.2	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	10.9	2.3	6.7	5.2	29.2
	Change	0.8	6.1	-0.6	1.1	-0.1	33%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.9	23.0	8.5	15.9	5.5	58.8
	Change	-1.1	0.8	0.5	4.6	0.2	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.9	57.0	19.6	36.9	28.2	166.6
	Change	3.2	15.5	0.8	-2.7	4.9	15%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	126.7	352.3	141.9	236.7	201.6	1059.2
	Change	-4%	16%	-3%	3%	1%	5%

TOTAL

Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1059.2	5%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.0	0%	35
Total Shell Egg	1297.2	4%	209

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 07-MAY-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,327,875	31,251	13,368	7,251	2,982	4,481
PW	1,290,482	31,053	12,550	6,571	2,539	4,546
LY	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
% Chg PWK	3	1	7	10	17	-1
% Chg LY	2	5	5	-3	-3	1
2005	22,902,420	546,235	224,661	120,426	49,906	79,364
2004	21,420,097	508,634	205,421	114,369	47,375	74,509
% Chg YTD	7	7	9	5	5	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.44	42.40	41.83
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.06	38.88	38.44

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 30	MAY 07	APR 30	MAY 07
	Thousand			
AL	31,577	31,405	22,253	21,625
AR	30,826	31,488	*23,759	25,505
DE	3,786	3,956	5,681	5,192
FL	1,342	1,344	1,616	1,363
GA	*33,214	32,539	*27,183	28,445
KY	*6,869	7,357	*6,348	5,719
LA	4,041	4,102	3,954	3,934
MD	8,876	8,869	5,762	5,907
MS	18,780	18,947	*17,421	17,014
NC	*19,124	18,753	15,302	15,624
OK	6,265	6,102	5,933	5,520
PA	*4,108	4,114	*3,118	3,073
SC	5,192	4,983	4,544	3,572
TX	*15,527	15,553	*13,141	13,070
VA	6,677	6,495	4,999	5,144
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,193	18,196	*18,490	16,733
19 State Total	*214,397	214,203	*179,504	177,440
Previous Year Total	212,646	212,957	174,862	176,351
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	103	101

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Jun-05 is estimated at 164.3 million head. This compares to 163.1 million head the previous week and to 164.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.52 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/05/05-05/11/05

CURRENT LDS 92.75 FUTURE LDS 51.75 TOTAL LDS 144.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	25.00	29.00	25.42	27.33	28.00	—	15.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	20.00	21.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	44.50	45.67	37.00	—	3.25
GL W XL	30.00	34.82	37.75	38.64	30.80	—	42.75
GL W LG	—	33.53	32.00	34.00	27.51	31.00	39.50
GL W MD	—	—	26.92	25.00	20.32	23.86	12.50
GL W SM	24.00	27.50	23.00	26.50	20.64	25.40	12.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	25.50	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	21.50	24.00	22.50	23.00	25.60	25.35	25.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.80	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-MAY-2005

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	LY
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS			
Atlanta	22.8	25.3	-10	-10
Boston	3.5	3.3	6	3
Chicago	65.3	65.0	0	4
Detroit	32.0	29.5	8	19
Kansas City	3.3	2.3	43	-23
Los Angeles	116.3	101.3	15	22
New Orleans	7.9	6.0	32	-10
New York	28.9	31.2	-7	-8
St. Louis	16.2	15.8	3	-3
San Francisco	18.6	17.4	7	-11
Total	314.8	297.1	6	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	307.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 07-MAY-05

TOTAL	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	THOUSANDS			
Head	1,935	2,649	10	0
Avg Wt	16.31	38.02	25.52	0.00
Last week	1,677	2,689	44	9
Same wk yr ago	1,951	2,446	61	13
Avg Wt	15.80	37.50	25.58	27.15
To-date/2005	28,419	45,632	424	59
To-date/2004	30,757	44,464	815	137

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 07-MAY-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	AVG	LIVE WT
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD		
North East	731	2	24.40	(A)	731	24.40
South Atlantic	734	16	33.01	(A)	734	33.01
North Central	2,093	0	32.21	(A)	2,093	32.21
South Central	639	1	21.17	(A)	639	21.17
West	397	22	24.01	(A)	397	24.01
U.S. total	4,594(B)	4	28.85	0	4,594	28.85
To-date						
2005	74,475(B)			59	74,534	
To-date						
2004	76,036(B)			1,137	77,173	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 424,000; for last year to date 815,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 07-May-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	163,999	1,604	1,485	3,089	514
Avg Wt	5.30	3.21	8.26	5.64	6.74
Last week	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152	514
Same wk yr ago	157,101	1,328	1,354	2,682	467
Avg Wt	5.33	3.22	7.97	5.62	6.65
To-date/2005	2,835,506	27,699	24,211	51,910	9,103
To-date/2004	2,768,092	23,385	22,959	46,344	8,286

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.0 million head, or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-May-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/14/05(1)	05/07/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	168,117(2)	168,339
Light hens	1,525	1,763
Heavy hens	1,417	1,475
Total	171,059	171,577

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-May-05 is 166.3 million head compared to 160.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.5 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-May-05 the estimated available is 166.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April	2	156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
	9	159.3	166.0	96%	5.21
	16	160.0	166.2	96%	5.27
	23	163.1	166.1	98%	5.33
	30	164.7	166.1	99%	5.46
May	7	166.0	166.1	100%	5.30
Year to date		2869.9	2935.2	98%	
May	14		166.3		
	21		166.3		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 09-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.72	41 :	69.53	75
Los Angeles	80.00	79.64	61 :	76.75	138
New York	71.00-73.00	71.46	24 :	71.80	54

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

09-MAY-2005	Change from	02-MAY-2005	10-MAY-2004
	02-MAY-2005		
	72.65	.02	72.63
NUMBER OF LOADS	604		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	66-68	68	68.00	10
WESTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	05/09/05	3,270	113,610	48,239
AM	05/01/05	3,407	112,518	48,154
CHG		-137	1092	85
PCT CHG		-4%	1%	0%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 09-MAY-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.73
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.75-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.82

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

May 06, 2005	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-8.5	7-8

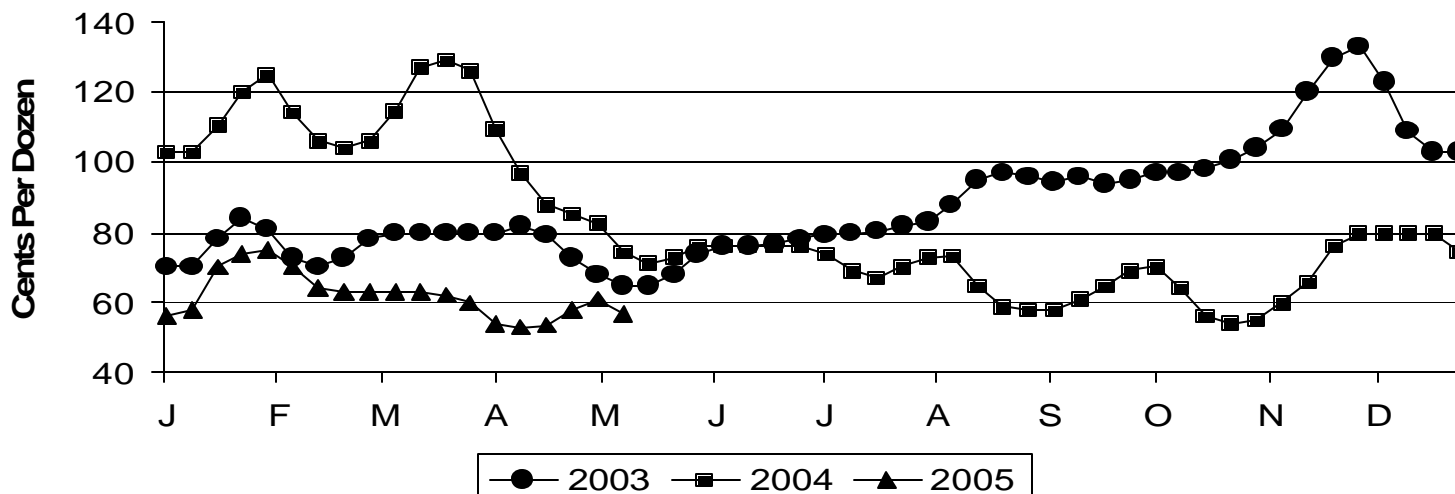
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 07-May-2005	CASES	(Receipts From Producers)	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic*	239.6	0	4
East North Central	536.5	-1	-5
West North Central	266.8	2	-4
South Atlantic	200.4	1	5
South Central	53.5	-13	-23
West	204.1	1	15
Total	1500.9	0	-1
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

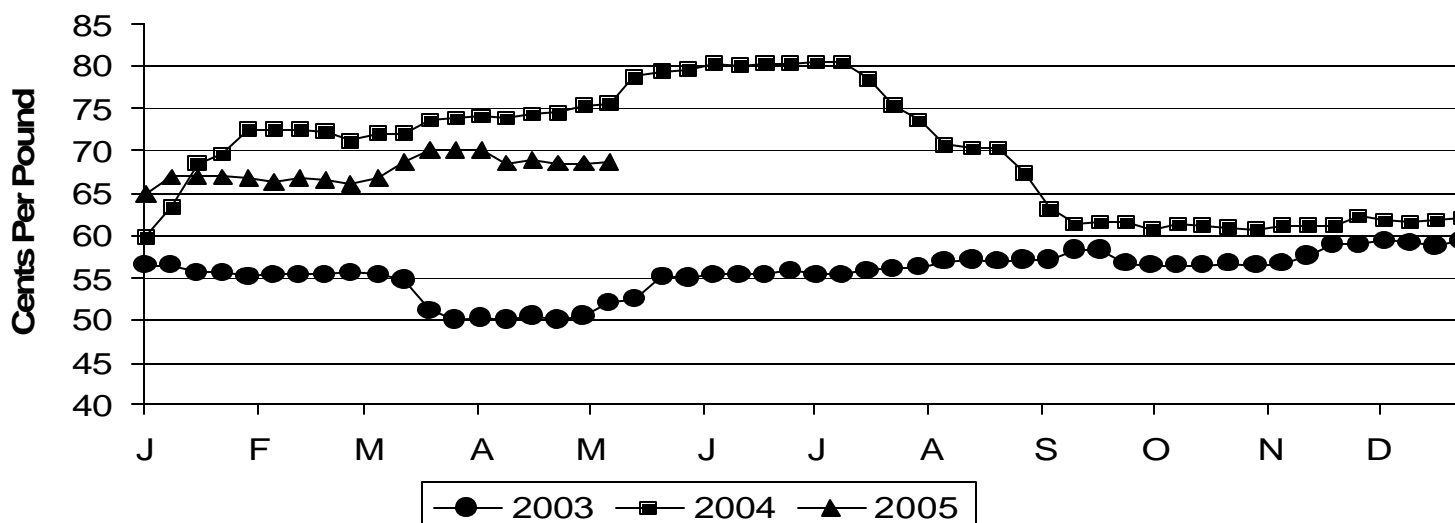
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

*Corr. on LY % for North Atl -May 05, 2005 ***4*** instead of -12.

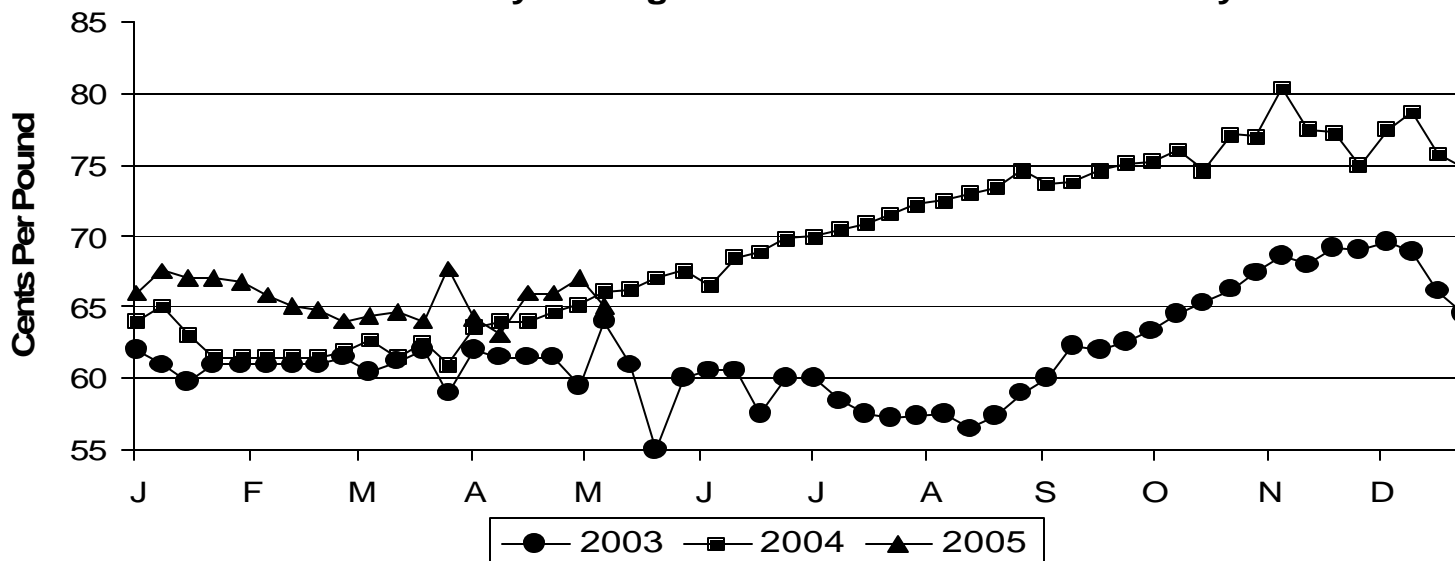
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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